

# E-HAPPENINGS

## WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

May 2011

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**Sunday, May 22, 3 pm:** WNC Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Carson City Nugget, second floor

**Monday, May 23, 11 am:** Carson City Commencement, Pony Express Pavilion, Mills Park, 1111 East William St., Highway 50 East

**Tuesday, May 24, 7 pm:** Fallon Commencement, Barkley Theater at Oats Park Art Center, 151 Park Street



#### **Farewell Roast for Helaine Jesse Morres to Benefit WNC Foundation**

While WNC Vice President of External Affairs Helaine Jesse Morres is planning her retirement, the WNC Foundation is planning a roast in her honor. The event is Friday, June 17, 6 p.m., at the Carson Nugget. Tickets include a plated dinner and dessert for \$100 per person and \$800 for table of eight. A no-host bar will be available. The roast will benefit WNC Athletics, the Jack C. Davis Observatory, Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company and Fallon Campus scholarships. For tickets/information, Leslie Townsend-775-445-3240.

#### **Auction Supports WNC Fallon Scholarships**

A unique piece of wood-carved artwork is up for auction to benefit scholarships at WNC Fallon. The piece, donated to the college by Jeannie Stone, is 20 inches by 40 inches, weighs around 10-12 pounds and closely resembles carvings found in

Thailand or Myanmar. Anyone interested in this one of a kind piece, can make a silent bid by contacting the WNC Foundation no later than Thursday, May 19. To place a bid, 445-3240.



#### **Honor Societies Induct New Members**

Carson City and Fallon Phi Theta Kappa chapters inducted new members during ceremonies last month. More than 100 students were welcomed into the honor societies, which emphasize the four hallmarks of leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and community service, and encourage members to be actively involved in their college and community. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-05-11b.php>

## ASWN Helps WNC Alum Collect Supplies for Tornado Victims



The Associated Students of Western Nevada have kept in close contact with WNC alumna Nikki Peterson, who is studying at the University of Alabama in a region severely impacted by recent storms. The students have pledged to help her collect much needed supplies for the storm victims. Anyone interested in supporting this effort may drop off supplies and toiletries, Monday-Friday, May 9-13 at the Dini Student Center, WNC Carson City. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-05-03a.php>

## COLLEGE CORNER

### Students Elect New ASWN Leadership

Heather Dodson has been elected president of the Associated Students of Western Nevada and will represent the WNC student body for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dodson is a 27-year-old student and U.S. Navy Veteran with many years of leadership experience. As president, She looks to leverage her "won't take no for an answer" attitude to lead the students through the toughest year in the college's history.

Also representing ASWN will be Ashley DeRosa, vice president; Nathan White, treasurer; Meagan Machart, secretary; and Sheldon Phelps, Samuel White, Katherine Urrutia, Tenisha Foster, Lorena Cedano and Jonah Mathern as senators.



### Students Honor Instructors and Peers



*Holly O'Toole*

The Associated Students of Western Nevada recently recognized outstanding students and notable faculty at the club's annual awards reception.

Faculty of the Year honors were given to professor Chris Ryan, Geographic Information Systems and instructor Holly O'Toole, Biological Sciences.

Students receiving Academic Excellence Awards were Jose Quiroga and Crystal Powell for Communications and Fine Arts; and Mary Ashmore for Science, Mathematics and Engineering; Shawna Jex and Ruby Kennison-Fox for Social Science, Education, Humanities and Public Service; and Thomas Hunt and Cindy Lorenzo for Technology.



*Chris Ryan*

Outstanding Service Awards went to Bus Scharmann, Dean of Fallon Campus/Rural Development and Helaine Jesse Morres, Vice President of External Affairs. Deborah Case, director of Counseling Services was recognized for her recent Regents' Advisor Award honor.

Students also receiving honors included Maggie Jesse, Peer Mentoring Award; Kristin Campbell, Mary Ashmore, Curtiss Elliot and Adam Loomis, Outstanding Honors Project; Curtiss Elliot, Regents' Scholar; Gabrielle Buma, Student Ambassador Award; Martin Cortez, Latino Cohort Award; Kelly Gaworski and Josh Galarza, Tutor of the Year; and Tera Tibbitts, Outstanding Athletics Award.

## Summer Class on Tap for Teaching Professionals

Western Nevada College is offering a three-week summer course to help education students and practicing teachers develop basic skills and classroom resources in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. **STEM-Tools and Applications** (EDP 295B, Special Topics in Educational Professional Development, Call # 20238, 3 credits) will be offered, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, July 11-29, from 5-10 p.m. at the Jack C. Davis Observatory, WNC Carson City. Cost is \$233.25. The class is team taught by WNC professors, Robert Collier, Thomas Herring and Michelle Rousselle and focuses on increasing physical science knowledge through hands-on activities, team projects, experiments and tools that teachers can apply in their classrooms. To register, [www.wnc.edu](http://www.wnc.edu)

## Financial Aid Awards Dispersed

The Financial Aid Office has distributed the first batch of award notifications for the 2011-2012 academic year on the new myWNC student information system. Nearly 800 students were awarded, and more are being packaged for aid every day. Students can view their awards through their myWNC student center.

<http://my.wnc.edu/>

## ATHLETICS

### Baseball Team Wins SWAC Title

Wildcats Baseball has clinched its third Scenic West Athletic Conference title in the team's six-year history. Western now has home field advantage for the SWAC Tournament, which is Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14 at John L. Harvey Field. The Wildcats have a first-round bye and play at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 12. Fans unable to attend the tournament may listen online at <http://carsonnow.org/categories/sports>



### Softball Player Signs With D-1 University

Wildcats pitcher Cassie Vondrak will follow in Coach Leah Wentworth's footsteps as a Blackbird at Long Island University, Brooklyn.

Vondrak acknowledged WNC for preparing her for the jump to a D-1 program, saying "WNC has provided me the opportunity to work on my pitching and hitting mechanics, and I've learned the work it takes to be successful at the next level."

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-04-22a.php>

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Free 'Star' Parties (Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.), Jack C. Davis Observatory, WNC Carson City